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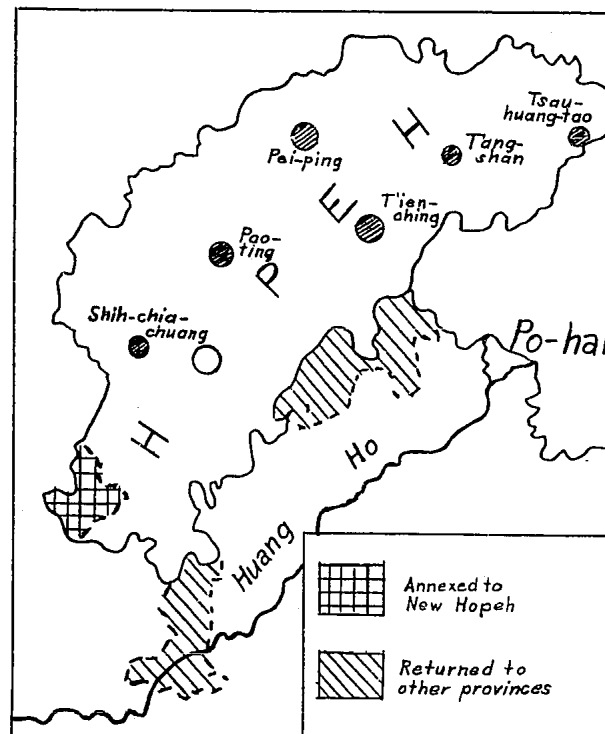
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HOPEH PROVINCE  
BOUNDARIES CHANGED

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Geography

The boundaries of Hopeh Province were recently redesignated and now extend eastward to Po-hai, westward to T'ai-hsing, southward to Chang Ho, and northward to the Great Wall.

The new Hopeh Province is now made up of the following hsiens:

1. All hsiens which were under the jurisdiction of the Central Hopeh, South Hopeh, East Hopeh, and T'ai-hsing Administrative Districts.
2. All hsiens originally belonging to the old Hopeh Province but which were under the jurisdiction of Chahar Province.
3. The following six hsiens originally belonging to the South Hopeh Administrative District and which were under the jurisdiction of Shantung Province: Kuan-t'ao, Lin-ch'ing, Ch'iu, Hsia-ching, Wu-ch'eng, and En hsiens.
4. The following three hsiens originally belonging to the T'ai-hsing Administrative District but which were under the jurisdiction of Honan Province: She, Wu-an, and Lin-chang hsiens.

The following 11 hsiens which were under the jurisdiction of the old Hopeh Province were returned to other provinces: Tung-kuang, Nan-p'i, Yen-shan, Ch'ing-yun, Ning-ching, Wu-ch'iao, Nan-lo, Ch'ing-feng, P'u-yang, Tung-ming, and Ch'ang-yuan hsiens.

Population

The present population of Hopeh Province totals about 29 million, while the Communist party members number about 810,000, or less than 2.7 percent of the total. More than 34,300 villages have already instituted land-reform measures. The militia strength is reported to be about 100,000.

Culture

There are more than 140 schools of middle and specialized level or above with an enrollment of more than 30,000, while the number of elementary schools exceeds 28,000 with a total enrollment of more than 2 million.

Agriculture

More than 16.5 million acres of land in Hopeh are arable. This year, about 4.216 million acres of this land are planted in wheat. The average annual yield of wheat is about 1.125 million tons. The acreage under cotton cultivation in Central, South, and East Hopeh totals about 1.47 million acres. The harvest from this area is expected to exceed the needs of all North China textile mills.

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